

The average age of white mothers at the time of their first birth is 23 years, according to the census, while the average age of Negro mothers at first birth is 20.

FOX CABRILLO San Pedro Phone 4949 STARTS TOMORROW—ALICE FAYE—DON AMECHE—CARMEN MIRANDA "The Night In Rio" IN TECHNICOLOR PLUS VIRGINIA GILMORE "JENNY" STARTS SUNDAY—JOAN BONHEAR—CHAS. RUGGLES "TOPPER RETURNS" PLUS "Border Vigilantes"

New LOMITA Theatre ADULTS 20c FREE AUTO PARK CHILDREN 10c Thurs., Fri., Sat., April 17, 18, 19—Robert Taylor in "FLIGHT COMMAND" MISCHEA AUER—NAN GREY—EDDIE KENNEDY—ALLEN JENKINS "MARGIE" SATURDAY MATINEE ONLY—"Green Archer" No. 11 KENO SAT. and WED. Sun., Mon., Tues., April 20, 21, 22—HEBY LAMARR and James Stewart in "COME LIVE WITH ME" THOMAS MITCHELL in "FLIGHT FROM DESTINY" 4 Days Starting Wed., April 23rd—"STRAWBERRY BLONDE" ALSO "VIRGINIA" (TECHNICOLOR)

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—THE BEST OF THE SERIES! MICKEY ROONEY—LEWIS STONE—ANN RUTHERFORD in "Andy Hardy's Private Secretary" PLUS LEW AYRES—LIONEL BARRYMORE in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis"

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY—ERROL FLYNN—BRENDA MARSHALL in "FOOTSTEPS IN THE DARK" AND ALLAN JONES—SUSANNA FOSTER in "Hardboiled Canary" ALSO "GREECE FIGHTS BACK"

STARTS WEDNESDAY—FOR 4 BIG DAYS "Tobacco Road" ALSO "Youth Will Be Served"

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—CHARLES STARRETT in "WEST OF ABILENE" ALSO ERROL FLYNN in "THE PERFECT SPECIMEN"

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY—Two First Run Hits! 2 MESQUITEERS in "PRAIRIE PIONEERS" ALSO DENNIS O'KEEFE in "BOWERY BOY"

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—"FLIGHT COMMAND" "TRAIL OF VIGILANTES" SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY—"STRAWBERRY BLONDE" "TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME" WEDNESDAY—"KEEPING COMPANY" "ELLEY QUEEN" "MAYBE PERFECT"



AN ENVIABLE POSITION... Mickey Rooney gets a double dose of girl trouble in the latest Hardy Family laugh hit "Andy Hardy's Private Secretary" which opens tonight at the Grand theatre for three days. At his left is Ann Rutherford and on the right Kathryn Grayson, making her screen debut as his "private secretary". The second feature is "Dr. Kildare's Crisis."

H.S. Variety Show April 24 Has Cast of 30 Students

Thirty Torrance high school students will appear in the gala Variety Show to be staged in the school assembly hall next Thursday night, April 24, at 8 o'clock. Directed by Miss M. Janeves, the vaudeville production is said to be the most elaborate entertainment of its kind ever presented here. Tickets at 25 cents for adults may be obtained from any high school P.T.A. member and at the door on the night of the performance.

Letter From Europe 16 Months Late

LORAIN O. (U.P.)—"The mail must go through" is a slogan which still applies—but it sometimes takes a long time when deliveries are made from warring Europe. Mrs. Joseph S. Moejar received a letter from her aunt, Mrs. Johanna Mondry, of Kluknava, Slovakia. It was 16 months late.

Paraguay, with about 1,000,000 inhabitants, is the least populous of South American nations.

Two river basins—the Amazon and the La Plata—comprise about three-fifths of Brazil's total area.

FOX WEST COAST THEATRES REDONDO DEANNA DURBIN in "Nice Girl" with FRANKROT TONE—WALTER BRENNAN—LIONEL BARRYMORE—LORAIN DAY in "BAD MAN"

HERMOSA HURRY! ENDS SATURDAY—"THE LADY EVE" "A Girl, a Guy, & a Gob" STARTS SUNDAY—CHARLES STARRETT—PAULETTE GODDARD in "THE GREAT DICTATOR" "Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery" with RALPH BELLAMY

LA MAR MANHATTAN BEACH CALL 2350 30c including Tax ERROL FLYNN "Footsteps in the Dark" "MAISIE WAS A LADY" with ANN SOTHEBY—LEW AYRES

STRAND REDONDO BEACH All Seats 20c NOW! ENDS SATURDAY—WALTER HUSTON—BOB MONTGOMERY—ARNO FAUST in "MELL BELOW" and GENE AUTRY in "RIDIN' ON A RAINBOW" STARTS SUNDAY—"HUDSON'S BAY" & "HIGH SIERRA"

'Buck Privates' Get Fun out of Army Service

If army life is just a fraction as enjoyable as "Buck Privates," Uncle Sam's quota will be as crowded as the ticket line at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne this Saturday when the Universal fun-film begins its engagement. Radio-stage's Abbott and Costello, who were roaringly funny in their first picture, "One Night in the Tropic," completely out-top themselves in this new hilarity-hit.

Abbott and Costello are a couple of misfit kids in khaki in the army of "Buck Privates" and everything happens to them from K. P. duty to "solitary" in the guard-house, with Nat Penetration their nemesis in the role of a hard boiled sergeant. There is a nice thread of romance, too, in the picture, framed by a young "Sergeant Quirk," "Captain Flange" rivalry played by Lee Bowman and Alan Curtis, over the affections of a pert and pretty hostess, enacted by Jane Frazee.

Pianist at Vurpillat's Has Broad Repertoire

Andy Schuman, whose piano numbers are proving very popular with patrons of Vurpillat's cocktail lounge every evening, brings a background of some 16 years in the stage and entertainment field to his distinctive offerings. He was at Hermosa Beach for the past four years where he had a large following of appreciative listeners who failed to "stump" him with any request numbers. Vurpillat's at 1528 Craven ave. has become a mecca for many patrons during the featured "Cocktail matinee" hours when special low prices are in order.

Natural and petroleum refinery gas will furnish raw material for a new chemical processing plant in Texas.

PLAZA THEATRE "The Friendly Family Theatre" HAWTHORNE, CALIF. Telephone 799 ERROL FLYNN BRENDA MARSHALL "Footsteps in the Dark" "Youth Will Be Served" Starring JANE WITHERS Magic Screen Friday OPEN 5:45

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 20, 21, 22—BUD ABBOTT LOU COSTELLO in "BUCK PRIVATES" 2nd Feature: Famous Saturday Only—2nd Feature: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday—LEW AYRES, LORAIN DAY "Dr. Kildare's Crisis" DONALD DUCK CARTOON A T T E N T I O N Monday Evening April 21 The Beautiful \$4.50 O'KEEFE & MERRIT Gas Range Now on Display in our Foyer will be given away ABSOLUTELY FREE!!! STARTING WEDNESDAY APRIL 23 "Hard Boiled Canary" "Tobacco Road" Plaza Keen O Win Wed. OPEN 5:45

FOX GRANADA 632 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington Wilmington 958 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—"A Girl, A Guy, A Gob" GEORGE MURPHY—LUCILLE BALL "SO ENDS OUR NIGHT" Fred MacMurtry—Margaret Sullivan STARTS SUNDAY—"THE GREAT DICTATOR" CHARLES CHARLIE PAULETTE GODDARD "GOLDEN HOOPS" JANE WITHERS

Great Highway Topic Tonight at Rotary Club

"When completed, the projected Alaska-Argentine highway linking the two Americas from Fairbanks to Buenos Aires will go down in history as one of the greatest engineering feats of our age."

This statement was made by Hugh A. Matier, Union Oil Company's public relations representative, who will speak on the Alaska-Argentine Highway at tonight's meeting of the Torrance Rotary Club.

According to Matier, "This project will stand for all time as a fitting monument commemorating the ties of friendship that bind the two Americas irrevocably together." Matier will illustrate his talk with slide pictures, many of which he has taken himself.

A founder-member of the Pacific Geographic Society, and a



HUGH A. MATIER

patron of the Smithsonian Institute, Matier has had a personal interest in the planning of the Trans-Americas highway. In 1908, at the request of Hon. Thomas Taylor, Canadian Minister of Lands, Matier, accompanied by the famous explorer and Indian linguist, Father LeJume, surveyed the Pacific-Columbia section of the proposed highway. This route was surveyed along the old telegraph trail, originally blazed to carry the telegraph wire connecting New York and London. This telegraph trail was abandoned with the successful laying of the Trans-Atlantic cable.

Well known as a dynamic and forceful speaker, Matier has won wide recognition for his archaeological achievements. He has for many years been a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, and recently has been appointed a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain and Ireland for his outstanding contributions to the promotion of geographical knowledge.

City Auditor In Bay City Checking Magazines, Books

Logan R. Cotton, Torrance city auditor, is in San Francisco this week where he is auditing the books of several magazine publishers. This work, coming in the nature of added duties, resulted from his appointment as Pacific coast representative of Controlled Circulation Audit, Inc., of New York City. A number of trade publications will receive his professional attention as a result of this recent affiliation.

Cotton seems to thrive on work. Just as a sideline to his many duties, he annually audits the books of seven municipalities in this territory, including Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Gardena, El Segundo, Torrance and Hawthorne.

The annual preparation of income tax reports also brings to his office a great volume of work. While he has few idle

To Help Inauguration of \$3,000,000 'Cow Palace'



Miss Seattle (Justina Vermillion) shows only twins entered in greatest assemblage of holseln cattle in history of industry, which marks opening of three-million-dollar "Cow Palace" on April 20-21, with which San Francisco hopes to establish itself as livestock capital of West. From left: Carnation Josephine Inka Bessie and Carnation Josephine Orinaby Bessie, with 10-month-old bull, Carnation Faysa Perfection. They're owned by Seattle's Carnation Farms.



Boy Offenders Sent to Ranch; Best Idea Yet

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Juvenile court and probation officials of San Francisco are confident they have found the best solution to date for the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents in the maintenance of Log Cabin Ranch.

The experiment has been under way for nearly two years. An average of 30 minor offenders at one time work out their "debt to society" on the ranch. From a total of 49, only one, after his return home, has relapsed and become a "repeat." All the others have been living happy, normal lives since.

Blossom Queen Dr. Henry Presents Modern System of Drugless Healing



Pretty, blue-eyed Jean Morton of Sausalito, Cal., brings a sign of spring—the queen of Blossom-Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival at Lindsay, Cal., April 18-19. Robert Cummings of screen will be her consort.

The United States has but five cities with more than a million persons—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit and Los Angeles. moments, he still finds time to take interest in affairs of his home town, Redondo Beach, and exercise an influence for good in that community.

Introducing 15c Cocktail Matinee Time at VURPILLAT'S

Seven days a week from 1 to 5 p.m. Ladies and club parties especially invited—enjoy our quiet, refined atmosphere. Tom Collins—15c Hi Ball—15c Whiskey Sour—15c Sloe Gin Fizz—15c Gin Rickey—15c Cuba Libre—15c Domestic Scotch Hi Ball—15c VURPILLAT'S 1528 CRAVEN AVENUE TORRANCE

Technocrat to Urge Aid to Canada in Lecture

Rec' W. McCaslin of San Francisco will present Technocracy's proposals for aid to Canada as a "vital link in America's defense program" in a lecture at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium Sunday, April 20, at 2:45 o'clock. Tickets for the lecture may be obtained without charge at the local Technocracy headquarters, 1815 West Carson st., according to Paul Cates, director of the Torrance section.

Greenland has compulsory education. There is one teacher for every 14 students.

The army's estimated defense needs embrace 45,000 different items, the navy's 29,000.



Collegiate Nite

Every Friday Night in "Collegiate Nite" when aquabiles and aquabules from high schools, colleges and universities have fun in the "swimmers" of Redondo Beach Plunge. Get in the Swim—show your student-body cards for special rates including suit, towel and locker. LADIES NIGHTS—every Tuesday and Thursday night special rates with all privileges are featured for girls of all ages. Keep fit and have lots of fun swimming at this world-famous plunge. Splendid facilities for the comfort of women bathers, hair driers, etc. CHILDREN'S FREE SWIMMING CLASSES—every Saturday morning the regular admission entitles youngsters (5 to 18 years) to FREE Swimming Instructions from 9 to 10 a.m. NEW BATH HOUSE SCHEDULE Open Week Days (except Wednesday) from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For SPECIAL RATES for PARTIES call Redondo Beach 2787 or Los Angeles Ticker 1772.

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